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Our Case No. 8465/17 P199701456 US1

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Nielsen et al.) '
Serial No. 10/017,789) Examiner Patricia Bianco
Filing Date: December 13, 2001	Group Art Unit No. 3762
For MEDICAL PUNCTURING DEVICE))
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AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed November 19, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

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Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including a Terminal Disclaimer is attached following page 10.

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